

Marine Notice No. 06 of 2014

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishermen,
Yachtsmen and Seafarers

**STCW Convention & Code: “The Manila Amendments”.
Transition from Able Seaman to Able Seafarer (Deck)
Certificate – Regulation II/5.**

The Able Seaman certificate issued prior to 1st January 2012 is to be replaced by the Able Seafarer (Deck) Certificate of Proficiency.

Holders of an International Labour Organization (ILO) AB certificate of qualification as Able Seaman under the *Merchant Shipping Act 1947* will be deemed to have met these requirements. Such certificates are valid until 31st December 2016, but holders must complete transition to Able Seafarer (Deck) before that date.

The requirements for transition are that holders must:

- have acquired a minimum of 12 months’ seagoing service in a relevant capacity in the deck department aboard ships of 500gt or more (which are not fishing vessels) within the five years before 2012,
- have completed STCW basic training,
- hold a Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (other than fast rescue boats),
- Submit an Application for transition, to the address supplied at the end of this notice.

Holders of AB certificates issued overseas must approach the Administration of the country that issued the certificate to apply for an Able Seafarer (Deck) certificate.

Able Seafarer Deck Certification – Regulation II/5

The requirements to gain an Able Seafarer Deck certification, in accordance with Regulation II/5, are set out below. Every candidate for certification shall:

1. Be not less than 18 years of age;
2. Have completed the four elements of STCW basic training:
 - Personal Survival Techniques (STCW A-VI/1-1),
 - Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (STCW A-VI/1-2),
 - Elementary First Aid (STCW A-VI/1-3);
 - Personal safety and social responsibilities (STCW A-VI/1-4);
3. Have gained not less than 12 months’ seagoing service in the deck department whilst holding a Regulation II/4 navigation watch rating certificate;

4. Hold an Able Seafarer Deck course certificate;
5. Hold a Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (other than fast rescue boats);
6. Hold a valid STCW medical certificate.

Application forms are available from:

Mercantile Marine Office,
Irish Maritime Administration,
Maritime Services Division,
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,
Leeson Lane,
Dublin 2.

Tel: 01-6783480
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<p>For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact: The Marine Survey Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, tel: +353-(0)1-678 3400. For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, tel: +353-(0)1-678 3418. Written enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to: Maritime Safety Policy Division, Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland. email: marinenotices@dtas.ie or visit us at: www.dttas.ie</p>
